

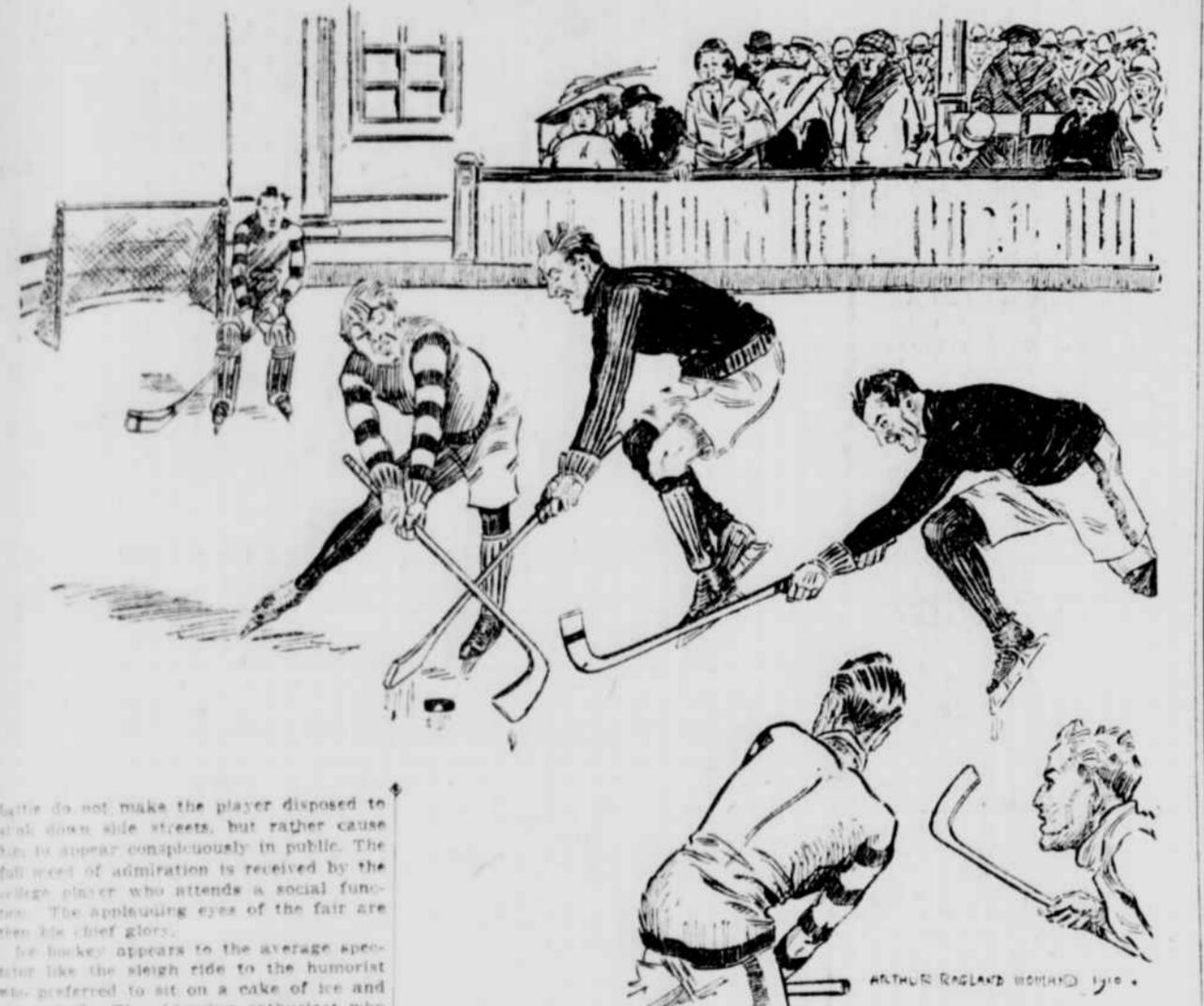
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When Fourteen Steel Shod Men Clash in Chase of Elusive Puck

Canada, Hockey's Home, Still Turns Out Best Teams, but Players This Side of Border Are Improving.

If an athletic looking youth is observed these days proudly displaying a black eye, it is a reasonable assumption that he has caught a hockey puck athwart his optic, speedily displaying. It is said, because there are black eyes and black eyes. Some are not sources of congratulation or happy subjects for an ingratiating conversation, in the case of the hockey player, however, while it may not give evidence of his skill, it is a mark of honor, being in the same category as the sprained ankle of the gridiron hero. Of all the games of sport hockey is the most fiercely contested, and has an element of danger even greater than football. Consequently the mutilations of



do not make the player disposed to stalk down side streets, but rather cause him to appear conspicuously in public. The full west of admiration is received by the valiant player who attends a social function. The aquiline eyes of the fair are then his chief glory.

Hockey appears to the average spectator like the sleigh ride to the humorist who preferred to sit on a cake of ice and roll a ball. The shivering enthusiast who stands in the biting winter air on the edge of a rink watching the graceful lines of skaters sweep up and down the field finds it hard to realize the value of the game. Only he who has played on a hockey seven knows of the spirited conflict or the tingling warmth of battle.

Some of the most uncomfortable persons in the world are the casual attendants at an outdoor hockey rink, and consequently the game is often their idea of nothing to see. For this reason the sport is not as popular as some which can be watched in more favorable circumstances. It is doubtful whether it ever can draw a tremendous amount of attention, although it affords some of the keenest contests which are played in any sport.

Gracefulness and "pretty" playing are marked characteristics of baseball with such stars as Larry Lajoie and Al Bridwell at the helm, but the natural beauty of a skater skating across the ice in swaying rhythm lends hockey an attraction which is particularly its own. Combined with this is a dazzling speed and rapidity of play which makes the game sensational enough for the most blasé lover of sports.

With all its finer qualities, however, hockey is purely a masculine game. It is rough and fraught with danger to the participants. With the puck hurtling through the air at a speed which makes it almost invisible, the collision of the swiftly moving players, the crashing of sticks and the clang of steel against steel as the gleaming skates meet in a melee, only the most agile and wary are able to enter a fierce contest and emerge without personal injury.

NOT A GAME FOR THE TYRO.

To the skilful belong the honor in hockey. It is no game for the mere tyro. No other sport perhaps demands quite so much technique and brilliance of execution. Not only must the player be a past master at the art of skating, moving like lightning across the ice and able to keep his feet in the fiercest scrumming, but he must possess marked ability in handling his stick as well as passing and lifting the puck. It is no mean feat while moving at top speed to stop the puck on a long pass across the rink and then to carry it with a spectacular dash toward an opponent's goal, only to send it flying into the net while helpless field races in pursuit. It is such ability that the successful hockey player must have, however, and this is secured only by years of practice.

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It is considered certain that the 7th and 14th regiments will perform a tour of field service at the state camp, near Peekskill, the coming summer. There will be no joint manoeuvres with the 1st and 2nd regiments, as the two regiments were held last year. At Peekskill the troops will very nearly attain as beneficial practice as they can at Pine Camp, it is held. It is just possible that some other organizations may be lucky enough to be ordered to Peekskill in addition to the 7th and the 14th regiments, but this is not on the schedule at present.

An interesting problem of attack and defence will be fought out on the farm of the 1st Battery, near Salem Centre, N. Y., on February 11, 12 and 13, under arrangements made by Captain John F. O'Ryan, commanding the battery. Some forty men of the battery will be present, besides some officers from other organizations interested in the problem.

Along with individual brilliancy must go a considerable amount of team work in passing the puck. A strong and heavy defence must be combined with a fast and powerful offence, in order that a seven may meet all comers without fear or favor. The superiority of the Canadians, both as to individual players and teams, has rarely been questioned.

Welster, whose parents searched the Scriptures for a Christian name to bestow on their son and finally determined upon that of the patriarch of two families, defines hockey as a game "in which two parties or players, armed with sticks or clubs, curved or hooked at the end, attempt to drive any small object, as a ball or bit of wood, toward opposite goals." To the indifferent spectator at a hockey game the word "armed" seems particularly well chosen. According to the present rules of play, however, the clubs are not used; it may be said, as weapons of either protection or assault.

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